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For: METHODS OF DETERMINING ALTERED ) Art Unit: 1644  
NDPK FUNCTIONS AND THE )  
DIAGNOSIS OF CYSTIC FIBROSIS )

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated February 10, 2004, applicants elect the invention of Group I (claims 1-13 and 51) without traverse.

Applicants further elect a species, with traverse, disclosed in claim 7, nucleoside diphosphate kinase (NDPK) function. Applicants submit that the requirement for an election of species is improper, because the species do not exceed a reasonable number and a search of the generic claim includes such few species that a search and examination of all of the species would not impose a serious burden. Claim 7 is a generic claim and claims 7 and 9-13 are readable on the species.

Respectfully submitted,

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